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AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1731  
PATENT APPLICATION

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q66293

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Appln. No.: 09/955,169

Group Art Unit: 1731

Confirmation No.: 9425

Examiner: Dionne A. Walls

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For: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR PRODUCING GLASS GOB, METHOD FOR  
PRODUCING GLASS MOLDED ARTICLE, METHOD FOR PRODUCING OPTICAL  
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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 1, 2004, please amend the above-identified application as follows on the accompanying pages.